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FOR: **METHOD OF FORMING A COATING LAYER ON THE SURFACE OF A MOLDED PRODUCT WITHIN A MOLD**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty to disclose information pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the US Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

US Patent No. 5,174,933, listed on the Form PTO-1449 on line AA, corresponds to Japanese document JP-A-3-178412 (listed on line AK).

US Patent No. 6,180,043, listed on the Form PTO-1449 on line AB, corresponds to Japanese document JP-A-11-277577 (listed on line AL).

English-language abstracts are submitted for the references listed on the Form PTO-1449 on lines AF to AJ.

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I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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